

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,  
July 21, 1924.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, July 21, 1924, and was called to order by President Smith at 8:00 P.M. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith. Absent: None.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 1924, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of June 23, 1924, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 7, 1924, and the minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of July 14, 1924, were read and approved as read.

Engineer Jessup presented maps of the Western Avenue paving for approval by the Board, action to be taken later in the evening.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. presented 3 written requests, diagrams attached, for placing poles and anchors in certain locations in the City which were referred to the Street committee for scrutiny.

Mr. Byrnes submitted a complaint, in writing, against the Union Oil Co. concerning the Men's toilet at their Service Station on Carson Street.

Trustee Brooks moved that the Oil Co. be requested to put a screen in front of the toilet door to abate the nuisance referred to. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A letter from the Industrial Housing Corp. requested that proceedings be instituted for the improvement of Tract No. 8572, consisting of grading, curbing, paving, sidewalks and sewers.

On motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Torrence, the matter was referred to the Street committee for consideration with the alley program. Carried.

A second letter from the Housing Corp. requested that Tract No. 8572, known as Columbia Court, be excluded from the fire zone of the City.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the City Attorney be instructed to produce an Ordinance removing Columbia Court from the Industrial and Fire districts and consigning same to zone No. 3; and that the Industrial Housing Corp. be notified immediately of such action. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Clerk Bartlett read the following petition:

"We, the undersigned, being the owners of a majority of the property fronting on the proposed improvement, respectfully petition your honorable body to order the improvement of Cedar Avenue by oiling, grading and macadamizing same from Sonoma Street to Dominguez Street.

Trustee Torrence moved that the above be referred to the Street committee. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Another petition was read by the Clerk:

" We, the undersigned property owners and residents of Torrance Park and Business men of the City of Torrance, do hereby protest the establishment of a TENT COLONY on Lot 3, Block 107 in the City of Torrance as we believe it is not for the best interests of permanent residents to the east of the tent colony; also it depreciates their property and makes it practically impossible to rent houses in that vicinity."

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the petition be referred to the proper committee as designated by the Chair for investigation and report. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Alverson of the American stated that he had been busy getting ready for a big bowling match tomorrow night and invited all to attend.

X Mr. Gilbert requested that, before making a decision on the tent colony petition, the committee go over the plans with him. President Smith thought this request was not any too much to ask.

Trustee Torrence reported on the matter of a Justice for Torrance, so that certain papers would not have to be taken to Lomita to be made out. The matter was discussed to some extent and finally referred to the Police committee to take up with Judge King.

Mr. Spurlin asked what was being done on the alley paving proposition? The President answered that these proceedings would come up later in the evening.

Attorney Briney reported on the Sewer farm that stipulations had been entered into with the other litigants whereby the City would get a deed in fee to the 4½ acres now claimed, but that only a five year lease would be granted for the use of other ground for sewage purposes; that 200 feet on the east and 200 feet on the south would be taken out of the hands of the City immediately.

Trustee Deininger moved that the 3 requests for locating poles and anchors by the Pacific Tel & Trl. Co be granted. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

In the matter of alley paving, Trustee Deininger moved that the City Engineer institute proceedings looking toward the paving of the alleys in the Business district for their full width and alleys in the residence district east of Madrid and north of Plaza Del Amo be paved for 12 feet of their width and 4 foot shoulders on each side; also that the alley near the Torrance perforating works be included. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Engineer Jessup presented a map of the Columbia Court proposition and explained just what was wanted by the Industrial Housing Corp.

Trustee Deininger moved that the City Engineer be authorized to make plans and specifications for the improvement of Columbia Court and adjacent streets and also for the extension of the sewer into that district. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Deininger moved that the City Engineer be authorized to draw up plans and specifications for sidewalks on Redondo Boulevard and Sartori Avenue where there are no sidewalks. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

As the City is paying wages for 2 teams which in 6 weeks would equal the purchase price of said teams, Trustee Deininger asked authorization to buy the two teams now being used for street work as a matter of economy.

Trustee Torrence moved that the Street Supt. be authorized to buy two teams with harness included for \$300.00. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Torrence reported that the fire escape on the Auditorium was being overhauled and would be in workable order presently; that in case the same did not work properly after being fixed, the Chief would close the gallery; also that the police had been busy closing up stills and arresting bootleggers; that nothing particular had been done on the street lighting proposition as he had not been in touch with the balance of the committee and that there was no hurry on account of power shortage; that he had not been able to check on the light bills on account of the moon light cutting same, but would do so within a day or two; that the shelter for the police machines had not been put up as yet. In this connection, Mr. Jessup presented a plan drawn up for the purpose showing how a canvas shelter might be erected at no very great expense. This plan was acceptable to the Board, and, as authorization had already been given, no further action was taken. As to a City hall, the committee was to get together and visit some of the nearby civic centers and thereafter submit a plan of what was needed so as to have something definite to work on.

Trustee Torrence moved that a typewriter be purchased for the Police Dept.

Trustee Brooks moved an amendment to the former motion that a new typewriter be purchased for the Clerk's office and the old one transferred to the Police Dept. Trustee Deininger seconded the amendment which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion as amended which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

President Smith stated that the typewriter was to be purchased under the supervision of the chairman of the Police committee.

Engineer Jessup reported that he knew of no complications that might arise from the connection of the Dye Works with the sewer as the water therefrom could be piped around the septic tank and not interfere with the working of same; also that the new Sewer district was coming along very well and that the expense of connecting with same would be comparatively small as the lay of the land conduced to our benefit.

Mr. Jessup was not very enthusiastic as to acquiring a portion of the P. E. Property to help as an approach to Western AVE. as he was afraid the P. E. Co. would not view it with much favor.

The Clerk reported that the Arlington and Carson funds were depleted to such an extent that the July 2nd payments could not be made in full. It was decided to let the funds run short until automatically replaced; also that Building permits for June amounted to \$54,480.00, and that the Recorder's Fines for June were \$838.00.

Trustee Fitzhugh introduced ORDINANCE NO. 92 *For Ordinance No. 92*

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTIONS NOS. 181, 182, 183 and 184  
(Accepting deeds to property)

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Resolutions Nos. 181, 182, 183 and 184 be adopted as read, and filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith.  
NOES; Trustees: None.  
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 185

#### APPROVING DIAGRAM OF WESTERN AVENUE IMPROVEMENT

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Resolution No. 185 be adopted as read, and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith.  
NOES; Trustees: None.  
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

President Smith remarked that the Dominguez Land Declaration would run out Dec. 31, 1924, and that it would be a good idea to continue same thereafter and appointed Trustee Fitzhugh, Attorney Briney and Engineer Jessup as a committee to confer with the different organizations interested.

Trustee Brooks moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith.  
NOES; Trustees: None.  
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

At 10:20 P.M. Trustee Fitzhugh moved to adjourn. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

*A. H. Bancroft*  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

*R. R. Smith*  
President of the Board of Trustees  
of the City of Torrance